Elizabeth Lane was born in Vancouver, British Columbia, was educated here and graduated from the University of British Columbia with a Bachelor of Arts (Honours Chemistry) degree.

Her career has been multi-faceted, starting as a research chemist with the National Research Council Atomic Energy Project at Chalk River, then working for the B.C. Research Council in Vancouver and later the Royal School of Mines in London, England.

Mrs. Lane also has been associated with a great variety of cultural activities. It was in recognition of her considerable knowledge of cultural matters in British Columbia that she was selected and continued by our Provincial Governments to head the first British Columbia Arts Board. Her influence has been felt from coast to coast, first as a member of the Canada Council for British Columbia, and presently during her second term as the B.C. President of the Canadian Conference of the Arts. This spring under her leadership that organization held its first annual meeting in Vancouver, marking the first time in 32 years it has been held outside the Toronto-Ottawa-Montreal triangle, bringing with it a host of related arts conferences and making Vancouver at the time the focal point of arts' news in the country.

Of her extensive work with funding agencies we would like to cite her work with the Leon and Thea Koerner Foundation, which has been generous to Simon Fraser University, supporting this year many activities including a travelling art exhibit, school concerts by the quartet-in-residence, museum and management programs among others.

Mrs. Lane has contributed her time and knowledge extensively to many and varied community boards and committees and it is our desire to recognize her sincere dedication to the advancement of cultural life in this Province and in Canada as a whole. She is symbolic of the hundreds of volunteers for the arts in this province who have made British Columbia known throughout Canada for its extraordinarily vigorous community arts movement.

Mr. Chancellor, I present to you for the degree of Doctor of Laws, Honoris Causa, Elizabeth Ann Lane.